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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the reference cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference is enclosed.

Further, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that the references listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in the International Search Report dated September 23, 1999 for the counterpart PCT application. As such, the filing of the instant Information Disclosure Statement is within

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three months of the date of that International Search Report and, therefore, need not be accompanied by the fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). A copy of the International Search Report for the counterpart PCT application is enclosed herewith. References not enclosed were cited on a previous 1449 submitted in this case.

None of the references are believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application.

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While no fee is believed to be currently due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 6-1300 (Our Order No. A-65635-1/DJB/RMS).

An additional copy of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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